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Saturday Evening Jolly Party  
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### THE HANSON PARTY.

Saturday happened to be the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson and just to start the ball rolling they invited all the deaf to meet at their spacious home, 4545 Brooklyn avenue, in the evening. By 9 o'clock nearly every one was there and the evening's entertainment began. Now as Mr. Hanson is a cool, brainy statesman, his wife is equally up-to-date as a home entertainer and the arrangements for the evening were new and somewhat novel.

The lawn had been decorated with Chinese lanterns, electric lights, etc. Seats were placed and an auditorium formed.

The first on the program was the recitation of Cowper's poem, "John Gilpin's Ride," by T. L. Lindstrom of Tacoma. Mr. Lindstrom is a graceful sign maker and on this occasion he was right at his best and the audience enjoyed the story especially as he wound off:

"Away went horse and rider,  
Away went hat and wig;  
He lost them quicker than before,  
For why, they were too big."

He closed amid hearty applause.

Next was a tableaux showing in several scenes "How the Story Grew."

Scene number one was a meeting on the street between Messrs. Root and Hanson. Mr. Root remarked he was not feeling well, that he had eaten something not just right.

Scene No. 2 was at the Hanson home, Mr. Hanson was telling his wife that he had met Mr. Root and that the later was looking badly, having eaten something.

No. 3 shows Mrs. Wright at the Hanson home. Mrs. Hanson informs her guest that Mr. Root had taken something and was quite ill.

No. 4 was a meeting between Mrs. Wright and Miss Dickson who was informed that Mr. Root had taken poison and was not expected to live.

No. 5 found Miss Dickson at the Gustin home where she informed Mrs. Gustin that Mr. Root had taken poison and was dead. Mr. Gustin who

came in at the time at once said he believed it was a case of suicide.

No. 6 showed Mr. Gustin at the Hanson home convincing Mr. and Mrs. Hanson that Mr. Root had committed suicide by taking poison and suggested the association buy a floral piece to take to the funeral.

But alas, at this time who should walk in but Mr. Root himself, very much alive.

Verily, a little added to a story often makes a great difference in the end. Mr. Hanson next illustrated the story of the preacher and the wasp.

Following this ice cream and cake furnished by the host was passed in plentiful chunks and everybody, even Mr. Root who was supposed to have been to other regions, had enough to cool off.

Mr. Hanson did not forget that he was once a boy and that fireworks were necessary for proper celebration of Independence day. At 11 o'clock these were set off by Roy Harris and others.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hanson issued the invitations all were plainly told that no presents were to be brought, but the deaf thought that a tin wedding without any tin would be a back number and nearly every one brought something. Several chipped in and purchased a fine aluminum cooking dish.

The out-of-town guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. James O'Leary and son and J. B. Bixler of Wenatchee; Mr. and Mrs. John O. Reichle of Portland; W. C. Swink, Holger Jensen, Olympia; Miss Mabel Scanlon, Everett; Miss Susie Dickson, Spokane; Mr. and Mrs. McMeechen, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. P. L. Axling and two children of Spokane.

Ere midnight all had retired to seek strength for days to come.

### Sunday Afternoon Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf was held Sunday afternoon at the Labor Temple, corner of Sixth avenue and University street.

The time set was 3 o'clock, but long before that time a large crowd was present, many of them strangers.

President Wright called the meeting to order, remarking that if the present increase kept on we will soon have to secure a larger hall.

After the usual opening ceremonies Mr. Hanson, chairman of the Arrange-

ment Committee of the Fourth of July, reported on the plans for the morrow. All were to meet in front of the Washington State building at 11 a. m. for handshakes and getting acquainted, and allow the reporter to get in his work. With the exception of the time between 11 and 12, all were free to ride the camels, feed the monkeys or view the thousands of wonders on exhibition—or even to get a free lunch.

Following this Mr. Hanson spoke on the Civil Service, showing how hard work by President Veditz and others during the year had brought about a great change in the Civil Service standing of the deaf.

Two new members, Fred Emmons of Georgetown and Dwight Chase of Tacoma, were then received into membership of the association.

T. L. Lindstrom of Tacoma then gave an address on "Patriotism." He fully upheld his reputation as a platform orator with his graceful yet powerful expressions and logical conclusions he held the close attention of the audience.

Mrs. Olof Hanson next spoke of the "Star Spangled Banner" and its origin. Mrs. Hanson has such a pleasing way of speaking that she always has the audience with her from beginning to end. In this instance we who in our younger days were want to sing felt inclined to join in and shout:

"The Star Spangled Banner, oh long may it wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

President Wright then made some remarks on the growth of the country, how from the original 13 states it had grown to be probably the most powerful of all nations.

Miss Elsie Peterson, our sweet girl graduate, then favored us with "America," in signs.

Mr. Hanson then gave the news of the day. Among other things he spoke of the efforts of the Suffragettes to secure the ballot and desiring to get the opinion of the audience on the question he asked all who favored woman's suffrage to hold up their hands. One lone man on the back seat held up his hand, but not a lady had courage to stand up for her rights.

J. H. O'Leary of Wenatchee was invited to the platform and spoke on the past and present of this association and gave some good points on success.

J. B. Bixler of Wenatchee was given the floor and said he stood ready to shoot at any and all times either today or tomorrow. Some one thought that guns, or rather cameras, were not allowed on the Exposition grounds and that we should all line up for Mr. Bix-

ler's aim now. This was decided upon and later all filed out to the front of the building where a group picture was taken.

Before final adjournment, however, Mrs. Reichle of Portland favored us with "The Fireman" in signs. So finely was it executed that there were calls for more, but she excused herself.

The following out of town guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Gormley, Waterville; Miss Carrie Blakely and sister, Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Leary and son, Anna Courtway, J. B. Bixler, Wenatchee; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown, Dayton; George Ecker, Elma; Charles Gilmore, Sunny Dale; Alfred Arnott, Spokane; Lawrence Belser, Wenatchee; C. A. Smith, Bremerton; John Skoglund, Edgewood; Lawrence Schoes, W. C. Swink, Salem, Oregon; Mabel Scanlan, Everett; Veva Hammer, Huntville.

In all 60 were present.

#### MONDAY OUTING.

Monday many were on the ground early. Between 11 and 12 o'clock nearly every one had met at the appointed place near the Washington State building. Here old times were talked over, new acquaintances made, yarns swapped and a good time enjoyed until about 12:30, when a goodly number joined the crush for the free lunch given out by the state.

This done, the company scattered to various parts of the ground, some in bunches, others in pairs, all enjoying themselves.

The following are those who were present as far as we could obtain the names:

Boston, Mass.—Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Meehen.

Portland, Or.—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle.

Salem, Or.—Lawrence Schoess, W. C. Swink.

Tacoma, Wash.—Mr. T. Lindstrom, Mrs. Seeley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hammond, Mrs. Frank Hutson, Miss Slegel and mother, Miss Burnett, Ray Foster, John Thomas, Arthur Classen, Maurice Miller, Albert Minnick, Dwight and Sidney Chase.

Spokane, Wash.—Mrs. P. L. Axling and children, Alfred Arnot, Ben Weiss.

Wenatchee, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Leary and son, Miss Annie Courtway, J. B. Bixler, Lawrence Belser.

Waterville, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gormley.

Dayton, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown and children.

Bremerton, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. McConnell and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Scott, C. A. Smith, Joseph Williams.

Renton, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams.

Seattle, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson and children, Mr. and Mrs. J.

E. Gustin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Waugh and daughter, Mrs. J. A. West and children, Mrs. Wildfang, Miss Elsie Peterson, Miss McFarland, Miss Kate Wright, Mrs. Otto Klawitter and child, L. O. Christenson, W. S. Root and father and brother, Roy Harris, Edmund Langdon, Emel Runge, Frank Morrissey, Hugu Holcomb.

Chelewah, Wash.—Miss Susie Dickson.

Everett, Wash.—Miss Mabel Scanlan.

Huntsville, Miss Viva Hammer. Arlington, Wash.—Miss Hilda Petersen.

Hoquiam.—Miss Carrie Blakeley. Elma, Wash.—George Ecker. Sunnydale, Wash.—Chas. Gilmore. Spanaway, Wash.—William Rowland.

Edgewater, Wash.—John Skoglund. Olympia, Wash.—Holger Jensen. Snohomish, Wash.—Murdock McMurchy.

Monday the total attendance of deaf for the day is estimated at over 75, probably the largest gathering of the deaf ever held in the state outside of a school.

#### NOTES.

Alex Wade was the Tacoma boomer of the day.

George Ecker of Elma has a smile that won't come off.

Some of the finest A-Y-P. printing was executed at the job department of the Wenatchee Daily World, of which J. H. O'Leary is foreman.

No one complained of the free lunch, although nearly all were in line for it.

We noticed a number of sparks, although there was no fire on the ground.

The exhibit in the Japan building of the Tokyo school for the deaf was interesting and showed good work was being done.

The bride and groom conducted themselves so modestly that no one suspected that they were just married.

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### COLLEGE EDUCATION

Ere the readers delve very far into this article they will discover that the writer is not a college graduate.

I frankly admit I was never within a thousand miles of Gallaudet College and as far as my memory reaches was never within the walls of an institution of higher education. Still if I were again a barefoot boy trudging along a dusty country road with my books and my slate I should see to it that among my ambitions for the future existed a desire for a college education.

The college man has the advantage in that he acquires knowledge in a few years that it takes the non-college man many years to secure, if he learns at all. Most of our leading statesmen today are college graduates. The true college man is one who makes practical use of what he has learned and adds thereto in broadening his mind.

It is true there are college men who are the rankest failures. Many of these did not improve their chances while at school, while others have never put to use the knowledge they did acquire.

Every person to whom the opportunity to secure a higher education is open should embrace that chance. Still all honor to the man in whose path fate did not strew the opportunity yet who by hard work, careful thinking and study has brought himself up to the level of the college man.

To such I take off my hat.

It's the man who improves his opportunity whom we all respect.

It's the MAN after all.

It's not so much a question of whether he has been to college as what he is.

As a rule a college education helps to reach the higher goal, but to the man who reaches it by hard work, "toiling upward in the night," all hail!

I have noticed in the exchanges some comments on college men and the presidency of the N. A. D. Much of such talk is twaddle. I do not care a smitheren whether the next president of the N. A. D. is a college man or like myself a common school boy, as long as he has "the goods" and can do things.

Throw the question of where he got his brains to the wind and rally and whoop for genuine worth.

### PRESIDENT CLEVELAND AND THE DEAF POSTMASTER

Whether the deaf realize it or not they certainly have among people in general, men of large calibre and large affairs in particular, those who are fully cognizant of the handicap imposed by deafness, and, what is still more, they show a readiness at times that is surprising to do all in their power to help to make up for it. This fact is well illustrated in the story of ex-President Cleveland and the deaf postmaster in Virginia. Mr. Cleveland refused a whole Virginia delegation to remove the deaf postmaster, irrespective of party, because he believed that so long as that deaf man did his work well, it was no more than a matter of simple justice to leave him where he was. While the delegation was at the White House, the following is part of the dialogue that took place:

"What is the name of the postmaster?" inquired the President.

"Turner," replied Jones, who was head man.

"Is he deaf and dumb?" asked the President.

"Yes," was the reply.

"And you want to turn him out? Well, that ends it! I won't do it. There are two thousand postoffices in Virginia. You may have nineteen hundred and ninety-nine of them. This one is mine. . . . Turning him out would be as mean as striking a woman. I will not do it."

Having said this the President turned on his heel and walked away, leaving the delegation utterly dumfounded.—Pick-Up.

Send in that dollar for the Observer for yourself, then see that your neighbor also sends in. To get the paper on a sound financial base we need the help of all the deaf in the Northwest.

A copy of the Observer will be sent on request by postal.

### PRESERVE EXAMINATION PAPERS

In a recent communication to the Deaf American the writer suggested that examination papers from time to time be bound and permanently preserved for reference. As will be seen by the following letter this is already being done in the Iowa School, and, we hope, also in other schools.

Iowa School for the Deaf.

Council Bluffs, May 22, 1909.

Olof Hanson, Seattle, Wash.

My Dear Mr. Hanson:—Reading your article on Mr. Spear and the Sign Language in the Deaf American, I note your idea about preserving examination papers, and beg to say that this has been our custom for many years past. Not only the efforts of the pupils but the questions as propounded by teachers are gathered once a year and bound in appropriate volumes for filing. Also your suggestion as to publishing specimens of work in school papers has been recognized for a long time in our Hawkeye. I am pleased to note the defense of the sign language and beg to conclude by saying, "Long live the Combined System."

Your truly,

HENRY W. ROBERT, Supt.

Supt. Robert and the Iowa School are all right. H.

We know of one town of about 5,000 population in Western New York which has already sent about twenty to the Seattle Exposition. If all the cities and towns in the Union do as well, distance and population considered, the fair will certainly be a great success.

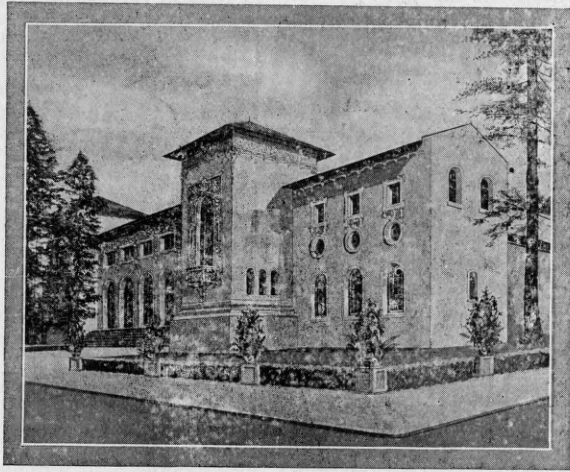
William H. Seward's colonial residence at Auburn, N. Y., has been reproduced as the New York state building. It was through Seward's work that Alaska was purchased by the United States.

A printing plant costing about \$40,000 is in operation at the A.-Y.-P. Now if they would only leave it with us after the fair closes we would not kick a bit.

A correspondent of the Silent Success from Cleveland, Ohio, reports a deaf man, Charles Nellie by name, as being employed by the Forestry Department of that city and having the spraying gauges in charge. Mr. Nellie is usually seen on the streets with a microscope and an opera glass, which are his means of diagnosing sick trees. The credit for inventing, several years ago, a boiler for manufacturing sulphide spraying solutions, thus enabling the city to quadruple its work of destroying insect pests, belongs to Mr. Nellie. He neglected to secure a patent on his invention, however.—Ex.

We believe that the heads of every deaf family with three exceptions, in Seattle, own real estate. Several of the unmarried also have invested in Seattle soil. What city can make a better showing?

If the paper is sometimes a day or so late do not complain. A rush of job work sometimes makes delay.



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## PORTLAND

The Portland Society of the Deaf held its last regular meeting on Saturday, the 19th. The program was short, made so in order to give every one present plenty of time to devour the ice cream and cake, of which there was an abundance and some to spare.

Mr. Reichle reviewed the work of the society during its four years of existence, and at the conclusion of his remarks, Mrs. Jorg rendered "The Rainbow" in her usually graceful manner. Miss Thomas was next on the program, but being a sweet girl graduate (of the Salem School) she did not feel equal to the occasion and was excused.

Mrs. Reichle then proved to the audience that she has lost not a whit of her old time grace as a sign maker, and gave "The Fireman" in a most realistic and graceful manner. This song was very popular among sign makers a few years ago, but of late has fallen into a back seat, but the was Mrs. Reichle rendered it was a revelation, and one cannot see how it has sank into disuse as long as there are such signmakers to expound it.

Considerable time was taken up in discussing the Fourth of July picnic, but at last Oregon City was chosen as the place and July 5th as the time, the 4th falling on Sunday. This matter having been disposed of, the ice cream and cake aforementioned were served.

Acting on a suggestion of a non-member, the Society is to consider the benefits of adopting a committee to serve during the summer months, whose purpose will be to devise ways and means of bettering the society.

In all, about 35 mutes were in attendance.

Quite a number of people were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kreidt, in St. Johns, Wednesday evening, it being the anniversary of Mr. Kreidt's birthday.

F. W. Bjorkquest and Mr. McDonald, both connected with the Vancou-

ver School, were in Portland renewing old acquaintances shortly after the close of school. Mr. McDonald is now busy building a home in Vancouver and Bjorkquest has gone to Wapato, Wash., for reasons unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter left last week for Sand Point, Idaho, where Billy has a job holding down 2nd base for the crack Sand Point team. It is needless to mention that there is a good, fat salary attached to the keystone station of the ball field, otherwise there would be nothin' doin' as far as Billy goes.

On May 11th Mr. Kutzleb passed through Portland on his way home to Louisville, Ky. He will not return to fill his previous position as boys' supervisor and instructor in printing at the Salem School.

Miss Dickson also stopped in Portland between trains on her way from Salem to Seattle. Miss Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Vinson held a sort of impromptu social in the depot from 10 p. m. till 11:55.

Lost: Something that is as tall and slim as a hop pole, and answers to the name of Shorty Stalker. Finder please send on to Portland and receive reward.

Sanford Spratlen and Mr. Dunker leave some time this week for the harvest fields. They will be back in the fall.

It is said that Mr. Van Emons has gone to Chicago. Well! Well!

Mr. Laurence is still playing left field on the Keats Auto baseball team. He is trying to land a job on a better paying team, and here's hoping that he does it.

By the way, any mutes from the East visiting Portland to or from their way to the A.-Y.-P. can meet plenty of their kind almost any Saturday evening at McCredie's billiard parlors, Sixth and Alder street, or on Sundays at the church attended by the mutes here, Grand avenue and Wasco street. Take Albuta, or U. car and get off at Wasco and walk to the right. Services from 10:30 to 11:45.

June 23, 1909.

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## TACOMA

It has always been Miss Siegel's ambition to go a-berrying, and so she went to Mrs. Hutson, who lives on the edge of the town and cajoled her into going with her. Mrs. Hutson's version of the jaunt is, "It was a boiling hot day. Mabel had a parasol. All we did was to climb over and crawl under fences. She wanted to keep on going but I was tired. I had no parasol. (Whoever heard of taking a parasol to look for strawberries anyway?) So we went home."

Mabel's account of the affair was, "We didn't get any berries but we had lots of fun." From which we must surmise that crawling under and climbing over fences with a parasol is great sport.

Mrs. Seeley and the weather man are not on speaking terms any more. After she had sent out invitations to her friends to come over and eat strawberries with her, he began turning on the cold and the rain. There threatened to be a famine of strawberries in the town, and as for Mrs. Seeley's own little patch of berries, how could it do itself justice under the circumstances? And then the day itself was cold. But all who were invited came, and they had strawberry shortcake, anyway, in spite of the horrid weather man who, Mrs. Seeley thinks has an especial grudge against herself as he never lets it rain when she wants it to and always makes it rain when she doesn't want it to.

We are all busy planning and dreaming in anticipation of the Fourth, although by the time this is in print the day will be of the past. One young lady came to us with a harrowing account of a dream she had of her day in Seattle on the Fourth—of crowds, and darkness, of trying to catch her boat and missing it, of planning to take another. When her mother awoke her. "She saved me 35 cents. I am that much ahead," she said. Gracious, are cabbages that high?

The Wades have walked into their new home. They look as proud and pleased as most people do over the arrival of a new baby. A house-warming will be the next thing in order.

Mr. Vincent has gone to Ashford to work through the summer. "Such pure cold water they have there. The best drink in the world. No full blushing goblet could tempt me to leave it."

GOSSIP.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In writing for the Observer always give names of persons and places in plain writing. Our machine man can guess at ordinary words, but proper names are often stunners.

We want a good correspondent in each of the large cities and towns of the Coast and Northwest.



## NOTICE

The next church service for the deaf will be held next Sunday, July 11th, instead of at the regular time, July 18th. All the deaf are requested to be present. Trinity church, corner of James street and Eighth avenue, at 3 o'clock.

Olof Hanson leaves Saturday for a trip with the mountaineers to the summit of Mt. Rainier. He will be absent about two weeks. We hope to have some account of his trip in a future issue.

## ANOTHER PICNIC

The gatherings of the deaf just held in Seattle have been so enjoyable that there seems to be a general feeling that another picnic should be held—say the last of August.

The Observer will heartily endorse any move in that direction. There are many deaf in the state who were unable to visit the Exposition the past week, but who may find it convenient to come at a later date.

Many favor a picnic at Woodland park. We shall be glad to print suggestions on this matter in our next issue. Speak up! Show your interest in the deaf! Let 1909 go down in history as a year of tremendous advancement in the condition of the deaf of Washington.

Rally along the line! Whoopie!

## THE FAIR

Seward paid \$7,200,000 for Alaska. Alaska has returned \$296,000,000 in gold, fish and furs. The annual products at present are \$30,000,000, and Alaska is only in the beginning of development.

Uncle Sam is a great show man as witness the government exhibit at the Fair. This exhibit is instructive as well as interesting. It shows where the money expended by the government goes, and how it benefits the people.

One and a quarter million dollars worth of real gold is now on exhibition in the Alaska building. It is surrounded by an iron fence and at night disappears in an underground vault.

## UNUSUAL CATCH

Supt. Walker drove to Richmond last week and returned with four young red foxes. Two of them have been given a place in the school zoo and the other pair is on exhibition in a down town cafe. One of the little fellows made his escape the second day in captivity and a lively chase followed. Some of the deaf boys started in hot pursuit and recaptured the fox a mile or more down Turtle Creek. *Wisconsin Times.*

We aim to give a wide variety of news concerning the deaf. If you appreciate it tell us so, if not, why not?

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Otha Minnick of Tacoma was working in the city last week.

A. W. Wright contemplates a trip to Alaska this summer just to see what it is like. What a joke if Al. should catch the gold fever.

George Ecker of Elma reached town Friday and is now exploring the town and discovering with open eyes of wonder what a big city is like.

Mrs. Lidberg, formerly of Seattle, died of consumption in California recently. She leaves a husband and three children. The later are now with her sister in Portland.

August Kobersten has given up his position at Bellingham and was in the city last week to see if the wheels were moving all right. He left for Vancouver, B. C., Monday night.

Charles Gilmore of Sunny Dale was a caller at the Observer office recently. Mr. Gilmore is doing some farming on his own hook. We shall want to report some big yields later in the season.

Mrs. Jas. H. O'Leary and son of Wenatchee are visiting relatives and the Exposition in the city.

Mr. O'Leary reached town Saturday night to see the elephant, wag the arm of his old friends and regret that he ever left Seattle.

Charles Gumaer is now entertaining his daughter from Columbus, Ohio, whom he had not seen for many years. Mr. Gumaer has done well since coming to Seattle. He has a good position in the Post-Intelligencer linotype room. He purchased a small place at the south end on which he built a small house. He has since improved this, working at odd times, until he now has a fine bungalow.

As the wheels of time roll around the Fourth of July this year fell on Sunday—and likewise the privilege of three days celebration. The deaf of Seattle took advantage of this. They went at it with a determination to make it the greatest ever and they succeeded. Those deaf who failed to come to Seattle at that time can have the rest of their natural lives in which to regret it.

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And moonshine stills (Kentuck ain't  
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'Mid beauties and such minor fry  
We humbly hoe.

We note thine infantine endeavor  
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Thy motto must be "Now or Never,"  
And, like as not,

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And Bill Root bellowing "We can,"  
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He will, Great Scott!

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**HISTORIC TREE FALLS IN RIVER**

Vancouver, Wash., June 27.—The old "witness tree," a Balm of Gilead, the oldest tree in the city, and the most historic tree in the city, fell into the Columbia river today, because the city council refused to make a small appropriation to preserve it.

This tree is the one from which all surveys in this part of the state were started.

Lewis and Clark, when they made their memorable trip to the Coast, tied their canoe to its roots. Under its shadow the Hudson Bay Company started the first trading post in the Northwest.

The falling of the tree has cast a gloom over the city. It seems like the oldest citizen had died.

In the body of the tree is a copper railroad spike, driven there by the Hudson Bay Company. The base of the tree is about five feet in diameter.  
—P.-I.

Those who attended the Vancouver

convention will remember this tree, near the ferry, which was pointed out as the most interesting land mark in Vancouver. H.

**WARRING WILKINSON**

Waring Wilkinson, for forty-four years superintendent of the California Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Berkeley, and a noted teacher of persons so afflicted, is shortly to tender his resignation and retire from active labor.

"I have served this institution since 1865," said he last night, "and have labored hard and diligently. I am tired and I need a rest. There are certain formalities that must be gone through before I can be allowed to leave, but I expect that soon I can have things so arranged that I can retire."

Wilkinson is nearly seventy-eight years old. He went to Berkeley to take charge of the institution when it was but small and unimportant. During his management it has grown to be one of the largest of the kind in the United States. The work he has accomplished in advancing the methods by which the deaf, dumb and blind are taught, have become of national importance and interest.

Many students who have received their education under his direction have attained high position despite their affliction. All who have been connected with the institution or have been graduated from it regard him with the warmest affection.

No one has been suggested officially as the successor of Wilkinson, but it is expected by the members of the faculty that William A. Caldwell, first assistant superintendent, will be given the place.—San Francisco Examiner.

**ANOTHER TRACK VICTIM**

While attempting to walk across the continent to fulfill a contract made at Boston, Melvin M. Lien, a deaf man, 20 years old, was killed this morning, probably by being struck by a passenger train. His body was found on the Central tracks shortly after 10 o'clock near the Pierce, Butler & Pierce plant in Eastwood by employees on the work train, and was brought to this city. A wound on the left side of the head showed the cause of death.

Judging from the documents found in the possession of the young man, the story of his life has been a most pathetic one. He was the son of a Norwegian farmer, Ole Lien, who lives near Marshalltown, Ia. Deaf from birth, the boy had always a desire to do something besides drudging on the farm, and, although he was unable to attend the district schools, he learned readily at home and soon showed signs of being a clever composer. This much was discovered from letters which the dead boy carried from his sister and his father.—Ex.

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